Little Downham Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at Pymoor Social Club on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: Cllrs D Parson (Chairman), A. Butcher, K Hills, J Barker, R. Maxey, R. Taylor, C. Webb, O. Winters
Parish Clerk: Ms K Palmer, Clerk to the Council
Other attendees: 1 member of the public
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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1	166/22	**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Spofforth, Cllr G Taylor, Cllr M Taylor – the apologies were accepted.
2	167/22	**Declarations of Interest:**
3	168/22	**Minutes of Last Meeting** – To resolve to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2022. Proposed by Cllr Webb, Seconded by Cllr Maxey. 7 Members were in favour, 1 against. Cllr Winters stated he had not received his agenda pack and started to disrupt the meeting. Cllr Parson issued Cllr Winters with his first warning about his behaviour.
4	169/22	**Public Participation –** *To adjourn the meeting to hear from residents present to a maximum of 10 minutes. Subsequently, the meeting may be interrupted at the Chairman's discretion for public comments relating to a specific item.* A member of the public asked Council about the rationale behind the Council's decision not to give funding to the cemetery committee. The Clerk responded.
5	170/22	**County & District Councillor Reports**: Cllr Anna Bailey advised funding had been found to go towards local infrastructure. ECDC have frozen Council Tax for 2022/23, they are the only Council in the country to do so. Leisure centres across the district are being given funding as are community housing projects. The East Cambs Trading Company has benefited ECDC to the value of £3.6m. St Mary's surgery is in progress and the increased capacity will be in place in the next few months. Cllr R Taylor asked Cllr Bailey about the use of CIL money for flooding – Cllr Bailey responded. Cllr Butcher asked Cllr Bailey about the outstanding response from the EA regarding the hundred-foot bank. Cllr Bailey responded. Cllr Winters asked Cllr Bailey what she would want to happen regarding the EA position. Cllr Bailey responded. Cllr R Taylor advised Cllr Bailey that an appeal hub for the Ukrainian relief was now set up at Corkers site for anyone wanting to leave items to be sent.
6	171/22	**Clerks Report:** Members noted the report. Cllr Maxey asked if it was known why the Fete Committee weren't going ahead with the Fete this year. The Clerk advised that no reason had been given.
7	172/22	**Planning Applications Received** **21/01531/FUL** - Construction of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling – 3 Third Drove Little Downham. The amendment involves: Clarification of ownership boundaries and drainage measures to address the Local Highways Authority's comments, and an update to the Piling Method Statement to address Environmental Health Officer's comments. No other elements of the proposals have been changed.

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		Cllr Barker declared a personal interest in the application. **<u>Planning Decisions</u>** 21/01827/FUL – Proposed detached two storey dwelling and garage with access and associated site works (Self Build) - Land Adjacent Woodlea, Cophall Drove Little Downham - **REFUSED** 21/00555/FUL - Change of Use of land to equestrian use - including manège, stable block, hay barn & muck heap area with parking area and access. - Land South-East Of Guildacre, Mill Hill Little Downham – **APPROVED** 22/00079/TRE - T1 Plum, T2 Elder, T3 Indian Bean, T4 Ash, T5 Cherry, T6 Fig, T7 Ash, T8 Group Wild Cherries, T9 Horse Chestnut, T10 Rowan, T11 Horse Chestnut, T12 Horse Chestnut, T13 Group 2 Eucalyptus & 1 Mimosa, T14 Oak, T15 Ash and T16 Beech - Fell due to overcrowding of the available space and resulting poor growth habit - 15 Townsend Little Downham – **WORKS AGREED** 21/01531/FUL - Construction of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling - 3 Third Drove Little Downham – **APPROVED** **<u>Planning Appeals</u>** TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174 Site Address: Mount Pleasant Farm 66 - 68 Main Street Pymoor Ely Cambridgeshire Alleged Breach/es: Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agricultural use to a mixed use of leisure and recreational and use for residential purposes. Appellant's name: Mr Ross Taylor Appeal reference: APP/V0510/C/22/3292479 **Deadline for comments is 29th March 2022 – Council agreed unanimously to submit a representation to the Inspectorate stating they support the application and appeal. Proposed by Cllr Winters, Seconded by Cllr Webb.** 1 Mount Pleasant Cottages 68 Main Street Pymoor Ely Cambridgeshire Alleged Breach/es: Without planning permission, the erection of a wall, with pillars and railings, and gates, which exceed 1 metre in height and are adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic. Appellant's name: Mr Ross Taylor Appeal reference: APP/V0510/C/21/3289879 Appeal start date: 28th January 2022 – **Council agreed to submit a representation to the Inspectorate advising they would support this application if it came to Council.** **Cllr R Taylor declared a pecuniary interest and left the room.** TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174Site Address: Land to South Of 25 Pymoor Lane, Pymoor, Cambridgeshire - Description of development: Construction of 1no. four-bedroom, two storey detached dwelling Application Reference: 21/00412/FUL Appellants name: Mr J Everett & Ms A Miller Inspectorate Appeal reference: APP/V0510/W/21/3284284 Appeal start date: 21st February 2022. **Deadline for comments is 28th March 2022. – Council agreed to submit a representation to the Inspectorate that they strongly support the application.**
8	173/22	**Council Matters:** i) To consider the quotes received for a new website and email system and to appoint a contractor. (Quotes to follow) – The Clerk advised that the quotes had not been received in time for the meeting and requested it be deferred to the next meeting which was agreed. ii) To discuss the ratio of meetings held at Little Downham and Pymoor to ensure both areas are represented. – Cllr Maxey raised the suggestion about meeting again in the Book Café at Little Downham to ensure full representation of both parishes. Members discussed the issues surrounding both venues. Cllr Maxey suggested putting a notice in the parish magazine advising that meetings will be in Pymoor and if residents of Lt Downham are unable to attend to let the Clerk know. Council agreed. iii) To have a discussion on community projects Council want to undertake and then consider a broad timeframe in which they are done. - Cllr Butcher wanted to move forward with community projects using the CIL funding and any other grants that may be available. Members had a brief discussion and it was left for Councillors to put any ideas they have to Council with supporting documentation. iv) To consider the request for support from Welney Parish Council (included in the pack) relating to the Causeway flooding. - Members had a discussion on the request with various views expressed and opinions. Cllr Butcher proposed that LDPC supported the road being opened 52 weeks of the year but wanted

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		assurances that the South level of the hundred-foot bank isn't at risk. Seconded by Cllr R Taylor, all in favour. **RESOLVED** to respond in that regard.
9	174/22	**Parish Council Land and Assets:** i) Myles Meadow – Cllr Maxey asked Council for the Clerk to request information from CCC regarding the pastureland to better inform the discussion and decision-making process. Cllr Parson didn't agree with all the questions being posed but all Councillors were in favour. Members thanked Cllr Maxey for his holding of the public meeting. ii) Downham Rec Spectator shelter – deferred to next meeting. iii) New Picnic Seats – to consider and approve costs for the purchase of new seats at LD and Pymoor play areas and the Conservation Area. **Plasteco were the agreed product. Proposed by Cllr Winters, Seconded by Cllr R Taylor. Clerk to order.** iv) Tree Survey – To update Members on recent survey and agree the next steps in securing a professional survey to assess the trees the Council owns. Cllr Barker informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had undertaken an informal survey of the trees in the parish but they were of the view that professional advice was needed which was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Butcher, Seconded by Cllr Hills. **Clerk to action.**
10	175/22	**Parish Matters:**
11	176/22	**Highways:** i) LHI Scheme, B1411 – the path repairs are now complete and awaiting the installation of the solar lighting.
12	177/22	**Ouse Washes:** i) Flood Risk Meetings – Cllr Butcher advised there were no other updates apart from with Cllr Bailey has discussed. **ii)** Report of damage to the Hundred Foot Bank – as above
13	178/22	**Internal Drainage Board:** i) No recent meeting but Cllr Butcher suggested writing to the IDB advising them they were aware that via Cllr Bailey CIL funding was available for increasing the capacity of the drainage system and what proposals do the IDB have for the funding, especially repairing or improving the pumps. **Clerk to draft a letter and share with Council.**
14	179/22	**Finance:** i) To consider and approve payments as presented on the monthly payment schedule. **Proposed by Cllr Maxey, Seconded by Cllr R Taylor. Cllr Winters was against. All others in favour.**
15	180/22	**Matters to Share or Inform the Next Meeting:** Sutton PC - Flood letter to be put on the April agenda. Busy Fingers – request for fundraising to go on the April agenda. Flood Meeting - discuss
16	181/22	**Confidential Items** To consider in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting. - Members agreed to close the meeting to the public. Cllr Hills left the meeting at 21:53. Cllr Winters left the meeting at 21:56
17	182/22	**Date of Next Meeting –** Thursday 7th April 2022 – Pymoor Social Club unless otherwise agreed at the meeting.

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Meeting Closed at 21:56

Signed ……
Chairman

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